

Appl. No. 10/676,021
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REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 5-11 and 15-20. Accordingly, Applicant has amended the claims to restrict the application to allowable subject matter. Claims 1-4 and 12-14 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. A minor clarifying amendment has been made to allowed claim 15 entry of which is in order and most respectfully requested.

Applicant most respectfully submits that all the claims now present in the application are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112 and are clearly patentable over the references of record.

The rejection of claims 1-3, 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Applicant's Prior Art has been carefully considered but is most respectfully traversed in view of the cancellation of these claims. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.


The rejection of claims 4 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as unpatentable over Applicant's Prior Art (Fig. 1) in view of Applicant's Prior Art (see Fig. 2) has been carefully considered but is most respectfully traversed in view of the cancellation of claims 1 and 4. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

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In view of the above comments and further amendments to the claims, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application are most respectfully requested.

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